[Translation]

SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM (Palamu) : Chairman Sir, Palamu in Bihar is a most backward and terrorist affected district. Sone Valley Portland Cement factory situated at Jafala has been close as a result of which thousands of people have been directly or indirectly affected. This was the only industry in that district and it has also been closed by the company. The company is shifting raw material to Bauliya Rohtas district. The workers of this industry and their families are dying of hunger and diseases. They are getting financially and mentally torched.

Therefore, through you, sir, I would like to request the government that the said cement factory may be reopened there so that the workers could be saved from becoming jobless.

[English]

SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI (Howrah) : would like to draw your kind attention and the attention of the august House to an incident in Howrah.

Sir, the Muslims, the *Harijan dalits* deserve a special support from the nation and from the Constitution. After the incident in Ayodhya on the 6th December, trouble took place everywhere, but no trouble took place in the city of Howrah. On the one side of the GT Road, Hindus and Muslims stayed together and on the other side, Hindus stayed. But no clash took place.

Unfortunately, a serious development took place in the last one week. The poorest of the poor Muslim along with Hindus, who belong to Tikiapara and Tilkhala slums, shoulder to shoulder defended the country in the hour of crisis. They tried to take the shelter unscrupulously built by the promoters at the behest of the Government. The Government did not stop them at that time. When all of them entered there, they started demolition in the last one week. Pregnant ladies, women, workers, Muslim girls, boys, kids and the dalits all came out in all these street slums.

You might be knowing that the film, City of Joy, was made in Tilkhala slums. On my intervention, the operation has been stopped. Again after Holi, it will start and that will lead to disaster. They conveyed to me to bring this issue before the Parliament. Is 'secularism' mean more word ? There is no genuine protection for the poorest of the poor people in the slums. They are being treated like a butcher in the streets.

I appealed to the Government, I appealed to the police, nothing had happened. Since this is the last forum, I would request the Government to urge upon the State Government before demolishing it to give protection to the poor Muslims and the dalits, who stood the darkest day of 6th December to defend the integrity of the nation, not to throw them in the streets by demolishing their houses. That is my urge.

[Translation]

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN (Murshidabad) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, my area Murshidabad is near the Indo-Bangladesh Border. Most of the trouble there is because of BSF. More than 10-12 thousand cattle is being smuggled from there to Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan every week. The State Administration wants to check it but the BSF is helping those elements. A meeting was held with the officials of BSF many days back but the result was that on the 16th BSF left Karpada camp and started firing near Kumarpur village about 20 kms. inside the border . . . *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please tell what should be done about it. Do not give long speech

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : They killed an 8 year old girl in Kumarpur village whose name was Parveen khatoon. Therefore, I would urge the Central Government to conduct an inquiry into this matter and present a report to the House at its next sitting. Compensation to Rs. 2 lakh should be given to the innocent people who have been killed there.

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : The Government should give a statement *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Is somebody taking a note of it from the Government side ?

[Translation]

SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : I do not want to raise a controversy here by saying Hindu-Muslim people because most of the people who have been killed are Muslim. The BSF has committed atrocities everywhere near the border

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : The Government should take some steps in this regard. The Government does not take any action . . . *(Interruptions)* Shri Jena should make a statement on this *(Interruptions)*